

University of Southern Mississippi
College of Science and Technology
Pre-Physical Therapy Curriculum

The “pre-physical therapy curriculum” is just *a list of courses that are required for admission to a physical therapy program*. **It is NOT an academic major, a minor, or an emphasis area.**

The following **requirements** are needed for admission to the *School of Health Related Professions at the University of Mississippi Medical Center* in Jackson.

Link to UMMC SHRP: <http://shrp.umc.edu/index.html>]

Link to Physical Therapy: <http://shrp.umc.edu/PT/index.html>

Following satisfactory completion of all requirements for this professional program, students will be awarded the *Doctor of Physical Therapy* degree from the University of Mississippi.

Students must consult the specific admission requirements and application deadlines for the school(s) to which they plan to apply, including UMMC.

New application forms for the Doctor of Physical Therapy are posted on or before July 1 each year for the subsequent application deadline.

- Applicants to the *Doctor of Physical Therapy* program must have a **baccalaureate degree** from an accredited college or university.
- Students must provide evidence of at least **40 hours observation in at least two physical therapy clinical departments or practices** at the time of application. Paid employment does not count toward the 40 hours.
- Applicants must have an overall minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. (Applicants interviewed and accepted typically have a higher GPA.)
- Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for the **required courses**, which must have been taken within the past ten years:
 - two physics courses with laboratory
 - two advanced physical or biological sciences courses (courses numbered 300 or above) with laboratories, plus all pre-requisites for the advanced courses
 - one statistics course; must be taken at a four-year college
- A minimum grade of C is required on each required science course.
- If a course is repeated, both grades are used in calculating the GPA.
- Applicants must submit an official report of GRE scores.
- An interview with the Physical Therapy Admissions Committee is required.

Progress toward a Baccalaureate Degree

Course work toward a baccalaureate degree at Southern Miss must be planned so the student meets all the requirements for the preprofessional curriculum, a major, a minor if appropriate, the University General Education Curriculum, and the College core. At Southern Miss, a minimum of 124 hours is needed for most baccalaureate degrees, with 45 of these hours from courses at the 300-level or above.

Students pursuing a baccalaureate degree at Southern Miss must consult the USM Undergraduate Bulletin, the USM Class Schedule Guide for each semester, and their academic advisor. During the last semester of the Sophomore year, students should develop a more detailed plan for the Junior and Senior years because many upper level courses are offered in specific semesters (Fall or Spring only) and/or on a rotating two-year cycle.